



MEETING MINUTES
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, COUNTY OF MONO
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Special Meeting

January 20, 2009

Social Services Conference
Room-3rd Floor, Sierra
Center Mall-Mammoth
Lakes, CA 93546

6:05 PM Meeting Called to Order by Chairman Reid
Pledge of Allegiance led by Lynda Roberts, Clerk of the Board
OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PUBLIC TO ADDRESS THE BOARD
No one spoke.

REGULAR AGENDA

FINANCE

- 1a) Effect of ERAF Shift for Fiscal Year 2008/09 (**Brian Muir**) - Receive presentation by Brian Muir regarding the effect of ERAF shift for Fiscal Year 2008/09. Provide any desired direction to staff.

Action: Provide any desired direction to staff.

Brian Muir: Outlined the history of ERAF (contained in the agenda packet). Due to changes, the Town will lose about a million dollars. The County is waiting for the state Controller to determine how much money will be returned to the County and special districts; Muir will contact the special districts after the state confirms the calculations. If the County gets extra money, it will have to be spent on capital outlays. The County and Town are working together on a solution that will help solve the County's GANN limit situation and assist the Town. Since this will be a recurring issue, CSAC and the League of Cities are getting involved; however, if schools discontinue basic aid, ERAF will be re-implemented.

Board Members agreed with the need to work with the Town while addressing the GANN issue.

Rob Clark, Town Manager: Appreciates the County's assistance. The Town agrees with Muir's assessment, and they are gathering additional facts. They are looking for a short-term solution that will assist both the Town and County.

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Additional Departments: Sheriff

- 2a) Potential Utilization of the Sheriff's Department Reverse 911 System by Mammoth Unified School District (**Board of Supervisors**) - Consider County entry into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mammoth Unified School District regarding utilization of the Sheriff's Department Reverse 911 System.

Action: Discuss the possibility of entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Mammoth Unified School District; provide direction to staff if desired.

Sheriff Scholl: In a prior meeting the Board approved a contract with the Eastern Sierra Unified School District to use the Reverse 911 system. At that time the Board suggested Mammoth Unified School District might be interested. Scholl spoke with Frank Romero, school superintendent, and Romero said they have a new system that is working well for them, so at this time the school district does not have a need to use the Reverse 911 system. However, Romero said he will meet with someone from the Sheriff's Department to learn more about the system. Scholl said the opportunity will be available if the school district requests access.

- 2b) Mono County Youth Loitering Ordinance (**Board Members**) - Due to community interest, the Board will reconsider the daytime anti-loitering ordinance that was proposed at the October 7, 2008, meeting but not acted on at that time.

M09-17 Action: Agendize the proposed ordinance for a first reading.
Bauer/Farnetti, 5-0

Sheriff Scholl: Discussed the proposed ordinance with the Board several months ago; at that time the Board did not adopt it. Since then Scholl has met with multiple agencies and people throughout the community that have expressed support for the ordinance. The Town will consider adopting their ordinance tomorrow night. However, issues are not just within the Town of Mammoth Lakes, so there is community support for a County-wide ordinance. The proposed ordinance is a tool for law enforcement that can be used to stop truant students and take action; it would allow for a penalty to be imposed. Typically this would impact just a few students who are habitual in their truancy; the ordinance would be an effective way to handle the problem.

Beverlee Bryant: Probation's work load would not increase significantly if the Board adopts this ordinance since the majority of students opt for community service. Each case is handled individually. The loitering citation would be issued only if students are in a public location and not at home.

Board Discussion

- Supervisor Hunt: Supported the ordinance and suggested it be agendized for action.
- Supervisor Farnetti: Expressed support if it is what the community wants. However, expressed concern that it may impose an unnecessary step since law enforcement can currently pick up truant students. Asked if this is a large problem. Scholl: This is not a major problem in the community but truant students were involved in burglaries in Crowley Lake.

- Supervisor Bauer: Supported moving forward with a first reading, but asked if there are members of the community not in favor of the ordinance. Scholl: Some people at the Bridgeport RPAC did not support it because they home school their children; however, the ordinance addresses these exceptions. There was also support in the Bridgeport community.
- Supervisor Hazard: Communities in his district generally do not support the ordinance, and have expressed concern with school policies regarding truancy. He found it troubling that there aren't documented incidences of truancy to substantiate the need for an ordinance in the County. Hazard believes there is a much bigger problem in the Town and supports their ordinance. The Board could revisit this issue when statistics are available that show a need.
- Chairman Reid: Not appropriate to impose this ordinance throughout the County in communities that don't have a problem. Would like to see the Student Attendance Review Board re-activated in order to solve these problems. Reid asked if there is a problem in any part of the County that can be solved in another way before passing an ordinance. Bryant: Believes the Student Attendance Review Board is being reinstituted.

Police Chief Schienle: School principals have asked the Police Department for assistance in locating truant students. There is documentation to support issues in Crowley, which Schienle can provide.

Farnetti: Supported re-agendizing the ordinance and giving the school districts an opportunity to speak about it.

ADJOURN: 7:05 p.m.

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